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In addition to these components, I am especially pleased that DIA's National Center for Medical Intelligence, NCMI, is located in my Congressional District on Fort Detrick. NCMI's 150 civilian and military intelligence analysts and scientists are charged with preparing and coordinating intelligence on foreign health threats and medical issues to protect U.S. interest worldwide.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and a frequent visitor to NCMI and Fort Detrick, I have received numerous briefings from DIA and NCMI personnel. Each time I have been briefed by DIA analysts I have been impressed by the Agency's expertise identifying medical threats to U.S. forces and our allies, and the insights these intelligence professionals bring on foreign military intentions and capabilities.

During DIA's five decades of existence, the Agency has remained agile in the face of evolving national security threats. From the Cold War, to the Vietnam War, to the first Gulf War, DIA's early efforts focused on understanding and, if necessary, defeating state-sponsored militaries and providing strategic warning.

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, DIA has responded to the asymmetric threat posed by transnational terrorist groups such as al-Qaida by pushing more analytic and collection capabilities forward in direct support of our military forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Today intelligence professionals from across DIA, including personnel from NCMI are forward deployed alongside our troops to provide the best and most timely military intelligence possible.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the men and women of DIA on 50 years of service. Guided by their Agency motto "Committed to Excellence in Defense of the Nation", I am confident that DIA will be standing watch to defeat the threats we face today and to identify and meet the national security challenges of the next 50 years and beyond.

#### CONGRATULATING COLUMBUS CLIPPERS

#### HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2011*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Columbus Clippers on winning their ninth, and second consecutive, Governor's Cup. The Governor's Cup is a baseball tradition dating back to 1933 and is awarded annually to the International League's champion.

First at Cooper Stadium and now at Huntington Park, since 1977 the Columbus Clip-

pers have been a Central Ohio institution. The Clippers are a world-class organization, and attending a game at Huntington Park is a world-class experience. I have enjoyed many warm summer evenings cheering on the Clippers, and I know countless other Ohio families have shared similar fun-filled experiences enjoying America's favorite pastime in each other's company.

In Columbus, we take our sports seriously, and the Clippers have always been a point of pride for us. Their past two seasons have been particularly impressive with the team winning back-to-back championships. A single Governor's Cup win is an impressive achievement but two in a row is truly extraordinary. Over the years the Clippers have made their city and state proud with similar championship streaks, including holding on to the Governor's Cup for three consecutive years from 1979–1981.

A winning season takes hard work and many hours of practice and a great deal of effort. The team's success brings City of Columbus together to celebrate as a community. To the Columbus Clippers, I offer my congratulations on this season's championship and my best wishes for a strong season next year.

Columbus Clippers, RING YOUR BELL!

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN CARRIE MEEK

#### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as a 30-year colleague of Congresswoman Carrie Meek of Miami, I submit this tribute to honor of my dear, dear friend. Ms. Meek's life and career began from the most humble of backgrounds in segregated Tallahassee during the 1930's. She was the granddaughter of slaves and daughter of former sharecroppers, yet graduated from Lincoln High School, and later stayed in north Florida and graduated from Florida A&M University in 1946. Unfortunately, this was still a time when African Americans could not attend graduate school in the state of Florida, yet because of her fearless spirit and tenacity, Ms. Meek did not give up studying; she enrolled in the University of Michigan and received her M.S. degree in 1948. After graduation, Carrie was hired as a teacher at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and then at her alma mater, Florida A&M University. She then moved to Miami in 1961 to serve as special assistant to the vice president of Miami-Dade Community College, which was desegregated in 1963, largely due to Ms. Meek's integral role in the push for its integration.

I distinctly recall the years we served together in the Florida State legislature in the 1980's. And although Ms. Meek became Florida's first African American female state Senator in 1983, the same year I began my career of public service in the Florida House, we worked jointly on numerous projects beneficial to minority communities across the state of Florida. And since she served on the Education Appropriations Subcommittee, we tag teamed on various projects, including critical

funding for HBCU's, affordable housing for minorities and the poor, as well as funding for critical transportation and infrastructure projects in areas previously overlooked.

And in 1992, after a long and bitter legal fight, Ms. Meek and I, along with Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS, became the first African American Members elected to the U.S. House of Representatives since 1871! Together in Washington, Rep. Meek and I worked arduously together on issues such as economic development for underserved areas, both nationally and in the state of Florida, on decreasing disparities in health care treatment and in increasing access to health insurance, as well as on education and housing issues. And as Floridians passionate about improving the conditions on the island nation of Haiti, we also traveled to Haiti together, and worked to advocate for Haitian immigrants and for increased U.S. foreign aid and investment on the island nation of Haiti. I will always fondly remember the years of working together with Ms. Meek, and am pleased to see Members of the Florida delegation coming together on the House Floor this morning to recognize her many achievements during her time in Congress.

#### THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION ACT AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES EXTENSION

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2011*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of two of today's scheduled bills, the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Extension.

The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act makes the necessary improvements to the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs to ensure accountability of the funds spent in the programs. Particularly, the waiver requirements and the required Government Accountability Office study will help reduce the duplication of funds for these programs.

Regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Extension, I feel that this three month extension will provide the proper time to discuss, debate and research the benefits of mandating drug-testing and substance abuse treatment programs as a requirement for individuals to receive funds under this program. Including such a provision will increase the accountability of means-tested cash recipients and send a message that substance abuse will not be tolerated or supported by the federal government.

I see a direct link in the issue of substance abuse and child maltreatment; I feel that the inclusion of a drug-testing requirement would improve both programs and increase their efficiency.

I look forward to working on this issue with my colleagues in the Subcommittee on Human Resources, the Ways and Means Committee and the House of Representatives at-large.